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## Colorado Brucellosis Import Requirement for Montana Bovine

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Due to the recent announcement that Montana will likely lose its Brucellosis free status, Colorado will impose the following import requirements for cattle, bison and yak entering the state from Montana. These requirements will go into effect on June 16, 2008:

- 1). All cattle, bison and yak must obtain an entry permit number prior to entering Colorado.
- 2). All sexually intact female cattle, bison and yak over 4 months of age shall be Official Calfhood Vaccinates (OCV) for Brucellosis with a legible tattoo and an OCV eartag.
- 3). All test eligible cattle, bison and yak must be negative to an official test for Brucellosis within 30 days prior to entering Colorado. Test eligibility for Colorado includes:
  - Females
    - 18 months of age or older
    - Females of any age that have calved
    - Females of any age that are parturient (springers).
  - Bulls – 12 months of age or older.
  - Steers and spayed heifers will not need a Brucellosis test.

The only exceptions to these entry requirements will be by approval of the State Veterinarian based upon risk determination supported by epidemiological evaluation. These requirements will remain in effect until further notice.